



being pulled toward the actuator 120 (as discussed) or by being pushed away from the actuator 120.

What is claimed is:

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1. An apparatus for a moving a toy appendage, the apparatus comprising:  
 a moveable device within a toy appendage that is attached to a body of a toy; and  
 an actuator connected to the moveable device to rotate the moveable device about a  
 drive axis that is fixed relative to the body of the toy and to rotate at least a first portion of  
 the moveable device relative to at least a second portion of the moveable device about a  
 device axis that is fixed relative to the moveable device.

2. The apparatus of claim 1 in which the actuator comprises:  
 a motor; and  
 a drive shaft connected to the motor and to the moveable device, the drive shaft  
 defining the drive axis.

3. The apparatus of claim 2 in which the actuator rotates the moveable device by  
 causing the drive shaft to rotate the moveable device.

4. The apparatus of claim 2 in which the actuator comprises a lever coupled to  
 the at least first portion of the moveable device.

5. The apparatus of claim 4 in which the actuator rotates the at least first portion  
 of the moveable device relative to the second portion by causing the drive shaft to rotate the  
 lever coupled to the moveable device.

6. The apparatus of claim 5 in which the moveable device comprises:  
 a flexible strip;  
 a plate positioned in the at least first portion of the moveable device, with the plate  
 being transversely connected to the flexible strip; and  
 an elongated device that intersects the plate.

7. The apparatus of claim 6 in which the lever is connected to the elongated  
 device such that when the drive shaft rotates the lever, the lever actuates the elongated device  
 to exert a tension on the plate, thus rotating the at least first portion of the moveable device  
 relative to the second portion.

8. The apparatus of claim 2 in which the motor is configured to rotate the at least first portion relative to the at least second portion in a first device direction about the device axis if the drive shaft is rotated in a first main direction about the main axis.

9. The apparatus of claim 8 in which the motor is configured to rotate the at least first portion relative to the at least second portion in a second device direction about the device axis if the drive shaft is rotated in a second main direction about the main axis;

in which the second device direction is opposite to the first device direction and the second main direction is opposite to the second device direction.

10. The apparatus of claim 1 in which the at least first portion and the at least second portion are included in the moveable device.

11. The apparatus of claim 1 in which the main axis is different from the device axis.

12. The apparatus of claim 1 in which the actuator is configured to:  
rotate the at least first portion relative to the at least second portion in a first device direction about the device axis if the moveable device is rotated in a first main direction about the main axis; and

rotate the at least first portion relative to the at least second portion in a second device direction about the device axis if the moveable device is rotated in a second main direction about the main axis.

13. A method of actuating an appendage attached to a body of a toy, the method comprising:

rotating the appendage about a main axis that is fixed relative to the body of the toy;  
and

rotating at least a first portion of the appendage relative to at least a second portion of the appendage about a device axis that is fixed relative to the appendage.

14. The method of claim 13 in which rotating the appendage comprises causing a drive shaft connected to a motor to rotate the appendage.

5 15. The method of claim 13 in which rotating the at least first portion of the appendage relative to the at least second portion of the appendage comprises causing a drive shaft connected to a motor and defining the main axis to rotate a lever that is coupled to the at least first portion of the appendage.

10 16. The method of claim 13 in which rotating the appendage about the main axis occurs before rotating the at least first portion relative to the at least second portion.

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